Uniform Civil Code

728. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Legislation for a Uniform Civil Code, on voluntary basis

(b) if so, what are its main features; and

(c) whether the Hindu Code will also be amended to confer equal rights on women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The proposal to bring forward a voluntary uniform civil code is under the active consideration of the Government and as such it is not possible to give details of its main features at this point of time.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Appointment of High Court Judges

729. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases for appointment of judges in different High Courts have been under consideration of Government since long;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, including the dates since when the cases are pending consideration with Government;

(c) what are the details of vacancies of judges existing at present in different High Courts, including the date since when they have been lying vacant;

(d) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled; and

(e) what are the reasons for the delay in filing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) For filling up the vacancies of Judges in the High Courts, 67 names have been received from the State Governments. There break-up is as follow:

No. of Names	Pending Since
6	November, 1984
1	April, 1985.
1	July, 1985.
2	October, 1985.
3	November, 1985
11	February, 1986.
10	March, 1986.
15	May, 1986.
18	June, 1986.
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(c) As on 25-7-86, there were 64 vacancies of Judges. The dates from which these are lying vacant are given in the annexure.

[*See* Appnedix CXXXIX, Annexure No. 46]

(d) and (e) The proposals received from the State Governments are engaging the attention of Government in consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities. Government is taking all possible steps to fill up the